

NET ACTIVITY:
KEN: MONDAY 3.972.5 2330Z
KDN: TUESDAY 3.587 0030Z
KYN CW: DAILY 3.537 0100Z
STATEWIDE DMR: "FRIDAY KY
STATEWIDE 0000Z "

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HAPPENING OF THE MONTH
June 2017



JUNE 2017 COMEX

June Comex has been placed on the shelf for another year. The event appeared to have plenty of publicity but did the effort given give the intended results?

This year's event as in previous years had presentations done in Western (Princeton) and Eastern (Pikeville) KY. The event was well represented by numerous commercial, military and civilian agencies. A lot of show and tell took place. A lot of training was given to those in attendance and everyone shared their particular expertise, for if and when the big one may occur in our Commonwealth.



I participated in this year's Ham Radio Comex on June 26 with emergency power from my QTH. My station was capable of moving traffic via digital, voice or by CW including DMR. In regards to the communication effort it leaved a lot to be desired. 40 meters for statewide communication during the summer is a roll of the dice. I never heard KY4EOC and few relays were available if they were on the air. There was no traffic being passed nor was there any tasking requests going to or from FKT. If the big one does occur, are we prepared to work with alternate modes or bands to get the message through? I will say that UHF DMR worked very nicely from Princeton to Owensboro event when cell service was not available at the site in Princeton. HF on 75 mtr from Owensboro to Princeton was doable.

Is there a shortage of trained manpower for FKT KY4EOC? During the June 26 exercise KY4EOC did check into the 75 mtr KEN and the 80 mtr KDN net. It would be great to see that station placed on the air on a monthly basis to give the opportunity to test the equipment and provide training to all assigned operators for that station.



My thanks goes out to Roy Herman, W8QAS who manned the NCS position for the ARES activity on the 26th. Cecil Dennis, K4TCD SEC who provided onsite training and education regarding amateur radio.

Questions to be answered, can all operators that are doing a shift at KY4EOC able to operate the equipment on any mode needed to achieve the end

result? Were ICS messages used during the event? How well are operators trained for their use? Did operators receive any tasking request from the exercise officials whether FKT or your EOC? What type of questions and answers were learned from your participation?

These are ideas and topics that need to be addressed prior to next year's event. A lot of work went into the event and we only want the exercise to achieve what it was designed, learning and better preparing ourselves or your agency when and if a large scale emergency takes place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. What did your critique provide? I know almost a dozen EOCs were on the air on the 26th. Bottom line, great effort by all that participated. Let's make next year exercise even better.

FIELD DAY 2017



A tip of the hat goes out to Governor Bevin and Mark Currens, N4VER SGL for our first statewide proclamation regarding Field Day. Much appreciated!

WOW! What a fun event! This one of my favorite FDs in sometime mainly because the weather cooperated with the exercise during the weekend event. The bands were favorable as well and numerous contacts were made by all. What did we learn from our time and effort? Was there enough training provided that someone learned enough on how to properly place a station on the air for an emergency? Isn't that the bottom line for

Field Day?

I received a few messages for bonus points from clubs around the state. If you sent one and it was received by my station, it was acknowledge and published on the ARRL KY site. Main point, did you leave bonus points on the table?

Instead of words, let's show you Field Day Kentucky style!



Woodford Co. FD



Paintsville ARC FD



Paintsville ARC FD



Steve, KY SM making cw contacts with WA4IJQ



K4HY Owensboro Antennas



Fred Jones, WA4SWF (center) and crew.



Brain trust of District 7 @ FD



AA4RL and Club Pres, KJ4OND making antenna adjustments.



Paintsville ARC making final adjustments on antenna.

Well that is all the space we had for this month. Any other group have any photos of FD 2017. Will try to place them on the ARRL web site. I hope you enjoyed your FD and had plenty to eat this year. It appears we all are so undernourished. HI

ACTION AT THE FCC

Carr to Fill Vacant Republican Seat on Commission

President Donald Trump has announced plans to nominate FCC General Counsel Brendan Carr, a Republican, to fill one of the two vacancies on the Commission. One FCC vacancy, to be filled by a Democratic candidate, remains in order for the Commission to be back to its full five-member complement. The president on June 14 named former Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, a Democrat, to fill one vacancy. No more than three members of the FCC may be of the same political party. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai released a congratulatory statement.



"Brendan has a distinguished record of public service, having worked at the agency for over five years, including most recently as the FCC's General Counsel," Pai said. "In particular, Brendan's expertise on wireless policy and public safety will be a tremendous asset to the Commission. I look forward to working with him in his new role and wish him all the best during the confirmation process."

Democratic FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn said Carr would be "a great asset to the Commission, calling him "well respected on both sides of the aisle" and saying that he's "demonstrated a deep knowledge of the legal and policy issues facing the communications sector."

Coming as he does from the Chairman's staff, Carr is expected to support Pai's efforts to reverse controversial "net neutrality" rules passed by the FCC's then-Democratic majority that

would subject broadband providers to the sort of oversight that conventional telecommunication carriers have faced.

Both Rosenworcel and Carr are expected to be confirmed by the US Senate.

ACTION FROM AROUND THE STATE

PSHR REPORTS Public Service Honor Roll

How are these points accumulated?

Category 1: Participation in a public service net -- 1 point, maximum 40

Category 2: 2) Handling formal messages (radiograms) via any mode -- 1 point for each message handled; maximum 40.

Category 3: 3) Serving in an ARRL-sponsored volunteer position: ARRL Field Organization appointee or Section Manager, NTS Net Manager, TCC Director, TCC member, NTS official or appointee above the Section level. -- 10 points for each position; maximum 30.

Category 4: 4) Participation in scheduled, short-term public service events such as walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, parades, simulated emergency tests and related practice events. This includes off-the-air meetings and coordination efforts with related emergency groups and served agencies.

Other Information may be obtained here: <http://www.arrl.org/public-service-honor-roll>

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PSHR

STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGE	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W0QI							
W8QAS							
KC4BQK - Jim	12	22	30			40	104
KY4JLB							
KO4OL - Glenn	40	40	30	30			240
W4EJF							
W4NHO - Steve	34	40	30				104
NF8D - Drew				165			165

Station Activity Report SAR

Ray WB4ZDU Louisville = 18

Tech Service Coordinator Chuck Milam N9KY REPORT

I noticed during the KY state COMEX that stations were struggling when the bands went long. I am a big fan of NVIS in these situations to help fill in the closer-in coverage areas. In fact, I intend to try to install a permanent NVIS antenna at my location. I'd suggest encouraging Kentucky stations to begin planning for NVIS antennas and operations for when we need to keep our communications paths open within the state. Perhaps we could work something similar to Ohio's NVIS day: <http://arri-ohio.org/SEC/nvis.html>

EC/DEC/ASEC Reports

K4CHW Calloway County Dist. 1 148.6 Hours

Made comments that he wanted to attend the Winlink presentation in Princeton but was unable to.

AA4RL Daviess County District 3: 104.39 hrs:

5 ARES WEEKLY REPEATER NETS 33.23 MH 5 ARES WEEKLY SIMPLEX NETS 17.23 MH 1 3RD REGION HOSP SIMPLEX

KM4VQD Anderson Co: 524.38 hrs

Attended the Anderson Co Radio Club monthly meeting on 6/27/17. I participated in all Anderson Co ARES nets during the month and served as Net Control on 6/29/17. I also participated in the Woodford Counties ARES nets as well as the wide-area nets through the Lexington repeater. I participated in Field Day running the GOTA station and in COMEX at the KY OEC.

NG00: Shelby Co: 443.5 hrs.

A busy month for Hams in Shelby County This month. Field Day kept 9 of our guys busy for 23 hrs. and 2017 MS Bikes & Bourbon Ride kept 8 of us busy for 21.25 hrs. from Lawrenceburg to Bardstown. 2017 Comex had 4 of us out checking in from different locations around County racking up 4.5 person hrs. for Comex. Had good turn out for both club meetings.

This area of the column is something to toot your own horn. Would appreciate any information pertaining to the hobby of amateur radio and your duties as a League volunteer.

The Kentucky Section is about you the League member and what you are able to do each month. Please share with the rest of the state. It is hard to describe numbers and short phrases with your activity. If you can, please share with more information.

Have a safe month. Be radio active.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Sandy / Louisa Hamfest July 22 - Will be on the road for this event; look forward to attending.

Lexington Hamfest: August 12

Greater Louisville Hamfest September 9

Richmond KY Hamfest: September 16

Paintsville Hamfest September 30

Morehead / Bowling Green October 7

Great Lakes Hamcon October 7 and 8 : [Great Lakes Hamcon](#)